

**Preliminary Amendment of U.S. National Stage for International Application
PCT/EP2004/002495 filed March 11, 2004**

Amendments to the Specification:

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Related Applications

This application is filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371 claiming priority from application PCT/EP2004/002495 filed March 11, 2004, which claims priority from German application DE 103 12 352.0 filed March 20, 2003, the entire contents of each application are incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the heading on page 1, line 5, with the following amended heading:

Prior Art Background of the Invention .

Please replace the heading on page 1, line 20, with the following amended heading:

Description of the Invention **Brief Description of the Invention** .

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

The problem stated above has been solved by ~~the~~ an emollient mixture ~~according to claim 1~~ which comprises an ester of a C₈₋₁₈ fatty acid with a C₃₋₁₂ alcohol, an ester of adipic acid with a C₃₋₁₂ alcohol in combination with a poly- α -olefin and the content of ester is from 10% to 90% by weight, based on the total quantity of ester and poly- α -olefins. Preferred embodiments can be found in the subsidiary claims. The present invention also relates to the use of the emollient mixture ~~claimed in claim 15~~ as a mineral oil substitute in cosmetic compositions and ~~to the cosmetic preparation claimed in claim 16~~ containing the emollient mixture.

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Please add the following new heading on page 2, before line 9:

Detailed Description of the Invention.

Please replace the heading on page 7, line 1, with the following amended heading:

~~Claims~~ **WE CLAIM:**.

Please add new page, 9, submitted herewith containing the Abstract of the Disclosure.